

In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of inhibiting or weakening the formation of hurricanes, comprising: detecting the onset of a hurricane in a region of open water; immediately moving to the region a sea vehicle having a capability of cooling water on a large scale; and immediately utilizing the vehicle for cooling the surface water in the open water region.